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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING DATA FROM A MEMORY SUBSYSTEM TO A NETWORK ADAPTER FOR IMPROVING THE MEMORY SUBSYSTEM AND PCI BUS EFFICIENCY

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/621,931

Examiner

Tuan V. Thai

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Examiner interview conducted 11/30/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 8-13, 15, 17-22 renumbered as 1-5, 7, 6, 8-12, 14, 13, 15-18 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/17/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


TUAN V. THAI
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Attorney's Docket No.: AUS920030471US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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In re application of: Dierks et al. Group: 2186
Serial No.: 10/621,931 Examiner: Tuan Thai
For: *METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING DATA FROM A
MEMORY SUBSYSTEM TO A NETWORK ADAPTER FOR IMPROVING THE
MEMORY SUBSYSTEM AND PCI BUS EFFICIENCY.*

1. This action is responsive to Examiner interview conducted on November 30, 2005. Claims 1, 6, 9-10, 15 and 18-22 are amended. Claims 5, 7, 14 and 16 are now canceled. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 15 and 17-22 are now allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. , 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark E. McBurney; Reg. No. 33,114 on

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November 30, 2005.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

a. In the claims:

a1. Amending claims 1, 6, 9-10, 15 and 18-22 as following:

Claim 1 (amended) A method in a data processing system for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the method comprising:

receiving a request to transfer data to a network adapter;
and

setting an offset for a starting address of the data to align the data with an end of a frame in the memory, wherein the frame is transferred from the memory to the network adapter[.];

wherein the offset is zero if a frame size of the frame divided by a cache line size is zero.

Claim 6 (amended) A method in a data processing system for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the method comprising:

identifying an amount of the data;

if the frame size for a frame is divisible by a cache line size with a remainder, setting an offset for the data to align

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the data to an end of the frame;

and if the frame size for [if] the frame size divided by the cache line size without a remainder, setting the offset to zero[.];

wherein the offset is determined using the following:

offset=CLS-(frame size-ABS(frame size/CLS)*CLS wherein CLS is the cache line size.

Claim 9 (amended) The method of claim [7] 6 further comprising: transferring the frame to the network adapter after offsetting the data using the offset.

Claim 10 (amended) A means in a data processing system for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request to transfer data to a network adapter; and

setting means for setting an offset for a starting address of the data to align the data with an end of a frame in the memory, wherein the frame is transferred from the memory to the network adapter[.];

wherein the offset is zero if a frame size of the frame divided by a cache line size is zero.

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Claim 15 (amended) A means in a data processing system for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the data processing system comprising:

identifying means for identifying an amount of the data;

first setting means for setting an offset for the data to align the data to an end of the frame if the frame size for a frame is divisible by a cache line size with a remainder; and

second setting means for setting the offset to zero if the frame size for if the frame size divided by the cache line size without a remainder[.];

wherein the offset is determined using the following:

offset=CLS-(frame size-ABS(frame size/CLS)*CLS wherein CLS is the cache line size.

Claim 18 (amended) The data processing system of claim [16] 15 further comprising: transferring means for transferring the frame to the network adapter after offsetting the data using the offset.

Claim 19 (amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request to transfer data to a network adapter; and

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second instructions for setting an offset for a starting address of the data to align the data with an end of a frame in the memory, wherein the frame is transferred from the memory to the network adapter[.];

wherein the offset is zero if a frame size of the frame divided by a cache line size is zero.

Claim 20 (amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for transferring data from a memory to a network adapter, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for identifying an amount of the data;

second instructions for setting an offset for the data to align the data to an end of the frame if the frame size for a frame is divisible by a cache line size with a remainder; and

third instructions for setting the offset to zero if the frame size for if the frame size divided by the cache line size without a remainder[.];

wherein the offset is determined using the following:

offset=CLS-(frame size-ABS(frame size/CLS)*CLS wherein CLS is the cache line size.

Claim 21 (amended) A server data processing system for obtaining cultural context information from a client, the server data

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processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a network adapter connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes a set of instructions to receive a request to transfer data to a network adapter; and set an offset for a starting address of the data to align the data with an end of a frame in the memory, wherein the frame is transferred from the memory to the network adapter[.];

wherein the offset is zero if a frame size of the frame divided by a cache line size is zero.

Claim 22 (amended) A server data processing system for obtaining cultural context information from a client, the server data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a network adapter connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes a set of instructions to identify an amount of the data; set an offset for the data to align the data

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to the end of the frame if the frame size for a frame is divisible by a cache line size with a remainder; and to set the offset to zero if the frame size is divided by the cache line size without a remainder[.];

wherein the offset is determined using the following:

offset=CLS-(frame size-ABS(frame size/CLS)*CLS wherein CLS is the cache line size.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, **all** the limitations of the amended claim of the current invention (claim 1). The closest prior art of record, Wooten reference 5,911,152 discloses the system and method for storing data in a buffer which crosses page boundaries utilizing beginning and ending buffer pointers. Wooten however does all the combined limitations of the claims invention; particularly the concept of transferring data from a memory subsystem to a network adapter wherein setting an offset for a starting address of the data to align the data with an end of a frame in the memory, the frame is transferred from the memory to the network adapter and the offset is zero if a frame size of the frame divided by a cache line size is zero (claims 1, 10, 19 and 21)

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nor does the prior art references disclose identifying an amount of the data; if the frame size for a frame is divisible by a cache line size with a remainder, setting an offset for the data to align the data to an end of the frame; and if the frame size for [if] the frame size divided by the cache line size without a remainder, setting the offset to zero, the offset is determined using the following: $\text{offset} = \text{CLS} - (\text{frame size} - \text{ABS}(\text{frame size} / \text{CLS}) * \text{CLS})$ wherein CLS is the cache line size (claims 6, 15, 20 and 22). In light of the foregoing, claims 1, 6, 10, 15 and 19-22 of the present application is found to be patentable over the prior arts. Claims 2-4, 8-9, 11-13 and 17-18 further limit the allowable independent claims. These claims are therefore allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

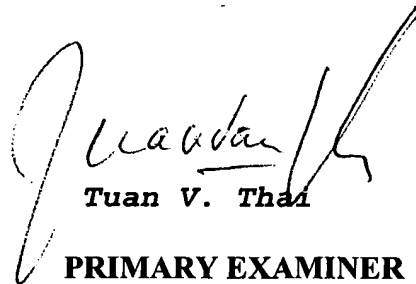
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan V. Thai whose telephone number is (571)-272-4187. The examiner can normally be reached on from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

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unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew M. Kim can be reached on (571)-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

TVT/December 02, 2005



Tuan V. Thai
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Group 2100

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Tuan V. Thai	2186	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tuan V. Thai. (3)_____.

(2) Mr. Mark E. McBurney (Reg. 33,114). (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 30 November 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-22.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wooten (5,911,152).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants's counsel agreed to cancel claims 5, 7, 14 and 16 without prejudice. Amending all independent claims 1, 6, 10, 15 and 19-22 to include limitations of the canceled claims. See attached Examiner's amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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